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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE PETITION OF ACCIPITER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND QWEST CORPORATION TO WAIVE THE STUDY AREA BOUNDARY FREEZE, AS CODIFIED IN PART 36, AND SECTION 69.3(e)(11) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

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CC Docket No. 96-45

Comment Date: July 24, 2006

Reply Comment Date: July 31, 2006

On June 20, 2006, Accipiter Communications, Inc. (Accipiter) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a joint petition for waiver of the study area boundary freeze, as codified in the Appendix-Glossary of Part 36 of the Commission's rules.¹ The requested waiver would permit Accipiter to extend its Arizona study area to include the portion of the Vistancia development in northwest Maricopa County not included within its current study area and would allow Qwest to remove that same area from its Arizona study area. Qwest currently has no facilities and provides no service in the subject area. Also, Accipiter requests a waiver of section 69.3(e)(11) of the Commission's rules in order to continue to use the National Exchange Carrier Association as its tariff pool administrator.²

Interested parties may file **comments on or before July 24, 2006** and **reply comments on or before July 31, 2006**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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¹ 47 C.F.R. Part 36 App. (defining "study area").

² 47 C.F.R. § 69.3(e)(11).

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- (4) Antoinette Stevens, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5B-521, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: antoinette.stevens@fcc.gov.; and
- (5) James Bird, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-C824, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: james.bird@fcc.gov.

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For further information, please contact Gary Seigel at (202) 418-0879.

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³47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

⁴See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁵47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).